



**Minutes  
HISTORY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, December 10, 2014**

**Minutes of the HISTORY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
recorded at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, within the Tempe Center for the Arts 201  
Lounge, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jennifer Wagner, Chair  
Ginny Sylvester, Vice-chair  
David Huizingh  
Trish DeGraaf  
Nikki Gusz  
John Linda  
Paul Hubbell  
Ann Lynn DiDomenico

**(MEMBERS) Not Present:**

James Schoenwetter  
Johnny Tse  
Mary O'Grady  
Shirley McKean

**City Staff Present:**

Barbara Roberts, Deputy Community Services Director, Library & Cultural Services Division

**General Public Present:**

David Plettner-Saunders, Cultural Planning Group  
Jerry Allen, Cultural Planning Group

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- Chair Jennifer Wagner called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

**Agenda Item 2 - Call to the Audience**

- None

**Agenda Item 3 – Introduction of Board Members and Cultural Planning Group Staff**

- A verbal roll call was taken in order to introduce everyone to the consultants from the Cultural Planning Group.

- David Plettner-Saunders and Jerry Allen introduced themselves and their consulting firm's background in arts and culture planning.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Tempe Arts and Culture Master Plan – DISCUSSION**

- David Plettner-Saunders and Jerry Allen then engaged the board members in an hour of discussion regarding the Tempe Arts Plan which they have been hired to write and present for City Council approval.
  - David P-S. and Jerry A. stated that the plan will offer a financial framework for cultural development for the City and partners of the City such as ASU, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Tempe Authority, partner groups of the TCA, and artist communities. To do that David P-S. and Jerry A. need to understand and prioritize the wishes of citizens in relation to art and cultural interests.
  - David P-S. and Jerry A. encouraged the board members to participate in the Festival of Ideas they will be presenting in February 2015 and to attend the Mayor's arts and culture Town Hall at the TCA on Tuesday, February 3.
  - David P-S. and Jerry A. expect to have a draft report by April, 2015 and a finalized report sometime during the summer of 2015.
  - David P-S. and Jerry A. asked the board several questions that lead to active discussion:
    - How do you see your role as a board? What do you think is your mission? Board member comments included: creating visibility for the Museum and Library; engaging the public, communicating with Council; aiding with fund-raising.
    - What has been taking your time in the last year?
    - What are your goals for the next three years as a Board?
    - Does the Board feel that History Museum exhibits need to change more often?
    - What do you see happening to the public programming at the History Museum and Library? What is the purpose of public programming and what does it do for these venues?

#### **Agenda Item 5 - Adjournment**

- Chair Jennifer Wagner adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

The next meeting date and location of the History Museum and Library Advisory Board is Wednesday, January 7, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the Tempe History Museum Board room.

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